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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Mr. James Kendall, Staff Director, and  
Colonel Glenn Smith, Staff Member of the Senate  
Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee

25X1 1. On Monday, 18 May 1964, [ ] OSI,  
25X1 accompanied by [ ] briefed Messrs. Kendall and Smith on  
25X1 the status of the Soviet atomic energy programs. The briefing was  
on an all-source basis and included the status of Soviet construction of  
atomic energy plants, uranium development and Soviet weapons  
programs. [ ] pointed out the extreme sensitivity of  
certain aspects of this information and both men acknowledged their  
understanding of this. He answered questions raised by both Kendall  
[ ]

25X1 2. The briefing lasted approximately an hour and a half and  
25X1 at the close, Colonel Smith made several requests. He asked if we  
were still sending the intelligence estimates on the Soviet atomic  
energy program to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and we  
replied that we were. Smith then asked if he could also receive these  
estimates in the 11-2 series. He asked for a copy of the table which  
[ ] used in the briefing (classified Secret) and was advised that  
we would be glad to give him one. He also asked if he could be put  
on the "alert list" as the JCAE is for any Soviet tests or firings.  
[ ] said he saw no problem in doing this. With respect to  
Smith's request for the NIE, I indicated that, as he knew, this was a  
question which would have to be taken up with higher authority. Both  
Smith and Kendall understood this and I agreed to raise the matter.  
I advised the Staff Members that the problem was not one of personalities  
but of physical security facilities. Kendall said he wanted to state in all  
frankness that the Atomic Energy Commission, on recent examination of  
the Subcommittee's facilities, had indicated they were not "too happy"

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with the Subcommittee's arrangement but, as Kendall put it, AEC had not "scratched them off the list." It was noted by all present that the JCAE has a vault within a restricted area whereas the Preparedness Subcommittee does not. I asked Kendall if Preparedness had given any consideration to vault arrangements and from his reply I gathered this has not been the subject of serious consideration. In answer to my question, he said they are receiving Top Secret/Restricted Data material from both the AEC and the Department of Defense.

3. The problem of the NIEs is a difficult one. While everyone acknowledges that Preparedness does not have security facilities even approaching those of the JCAE, Preparedness is a Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee to whom we report through the CIA Subcommittee. It might be appropriate for the Director to raise this question with Senator Russell at the next briefing of the Subcommittee.




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